

STATE OF NEW JERSEY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
FOR CONTRACTS FUNDED BY WHOLLY STATE FUNDS

The provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through 10:2-4 and N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented) dealing with discrimination in employment on public contracts, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereunto, are hereby made a part of this contract and are binding upon the Contractor.

Noncompliance by the Contractor with the requirements of the Affirmative Action Program for Equal Employment Opportunity may be cause for delaying or withholding monthly and final payments pending corrective and appropriate measures by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the Department.

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

- a. The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status or sex. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause;
- b. The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation;
- c. The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- d. The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time.
- e. When hiring workers in each construction trade, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to

attempt in good faith to employ minority and female workers in each construction trade consistent with the applicable employment goal prescribed by N.J.A.C. 17:27-7.3; provided, however, that the Affirmative Action Office may, in its discretion, exempt a contractor or subcontractor from compliance with the good faith procedures prescribed by the following provisions, A, B, and C, as long as the Affirmative Action Office is satisfied that the contractor is employing workers provided by a union which provides evidence, according to standards prescribed by the Affirmative Action Office, that its percentage of active "card carrying" members who are minority and female workers is equal to or greater than the applicable employment goal prescribed by N.J.A.C. 17:27-7.3, promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time. The contractor or subcontractor agrees that a good faith effort shall include compliance with the following procedures:

- (A) If the contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for a construction trade, the contractor or subcontractor shall, within three days of the contract award, seek assurances from the union that it will cooperate with the contractor or subcontractor as it fulfills its affirmative action obligations under this contract and according to the rules promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c.127, as supplemented and amended from time to time. If the contractor or subcontractor is unable to obtain said assurances from the construction trade union at least five days prior to the commencement of construction work, the contractor or subcontractor agrees directly to attempt to hire minority and female workers consistent with the applicable employment goal. If the contractor's or subcontractor's prior experience with a construction trade union, regardless of whether the union has provided said assurances, indicates a significant possibility that the trade union will not refer sufficient minority and female workers consistent with the applicable employment goal, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to be prepared to hire minority and female workers directly, consistent with the applicable employment goal, by complying with the hiring procedures prescribed under (B) below; and the contractor or subcontractor further agrees to immediately take said action if it determines or is so notified by the Affirmative Action Office that the union is not referring minority and female workers consistent with the applicable employment goal.
- (B) If the hiring of a workforce consistent with the employment goal has not or cannot be achieved for each construction trade by adhering to the procedures of (b) above, or if the contractor does not have a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for a construction trade, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to take the following actions consistent with the applicable county employment goals:
 - (1) To notify the Public Agency Compliance Officer, Affirmative Action Office, and at least one approved minority referral organization of its manpower needs, and request referral of minority and female workers;
 - (2) To notify any minority and female workers who have been listed with it as awaiting available vacancies;
 - (3) Prior to commencement of work, to request the local construction trade union, if the

contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for the construction trade, to refer minority and female workers to fill job openings;

- (4) To leave standing requests for additional referral to minority and female workers with the local construction trade union, if the contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for the construction trade, the State Training and Employment Service and other approved referral sources in the area until such time as the workforce is consistent with the employment goal;
- (5) If it is necessary to lay off some of the workers in a given trade on the construction site, to assure, consistent with the applicable State and Federal statutes and court decisions, that sufficient minority and female employees remain on the site consistent with the employment goal; and to employ any minority and female workers so laid off by the contractor on any other construction site in the area on which its workforce composition is not consistent with an employment goal established pursuant to rules implementing P.L. 1975, c. 127;
- (6) To adhere to the following procedure when minority and female workers apply or are referred to the contractor or subcontractor:
 - (i) If said individuals have never previously received any document or certification signifying a level of qualification lower than that required, the contractor or subcontractor shall determine the qualifications of such individuals and if the contractor's or subcontractor's workforce in each construction trade is not consistent with the applicable employment goal, it shall employ such persons which satisfy appropriate qualification standards; provided however, that a contractor or subcontractor shall determine that the individual at least possesses the skills and experience recognized by any worker's skills and experience classification determination which may have been made by a Public Agency Compliance Officer, union, apprentice program or a referral agency, provided the referral agency is acceptable to the Affirmative Action Office and provided further, that, if necessary, the contractor or subcontractor shall hire minority and female workers who qualify as trainees pursuant to these regulations. All of the requirements of this paragraph, however, are limited by the provisions of (C) below.
 - (ii) If the contractor's or subcontractor's workforce is consistent with the applicable employment goal, the name of said female or minority group individual shall be maintained on a waiting list for the first consideration, in the event the contractor's or subcontractor's workforce is no longer consistent with the applicable employment goal.
 - (iii) If, for any reason, said contractor or subcontractor determines that a minority individual or a female is not qualified or if the individual qualifies as an advanced trainee or apprentice, the contractor or subcontractor shall inform the individual in

writing with the reasons for the determination, maintain a copy in its files, and send a copy to the Public Agency Compliance Officer and to the Affirmative Action Office.

- (7) To keep a complete and accurate record of all requests made for the referral of workers in any trade covered by the contract and on forms made available by the Affirmative Action Office and shall be submitted promptly to that office upon request.
- (C) The contractor or subcontractor agrees that nothing contained in (B) preceding provision shall preclude the contractor or subcontractor from complying with the hiring hall or apprenticeship provisions in any applicable collective bargaining agreement or hiring hall arrangement, and, where required by custom or agreement, it shall send journeymen and trainees to the union for referral, or to the apprenticeship program for admission, pursuant to such agreement or arrangement: provided, however, that where the practices of a union or apprenticeship program will result in the exclusion of minorities and females or the failure to refer minorities and females consistent with the county employment goal, the contractor or subcontractor shall consider for employment persons referred pursuant to said provisions (B) without regard to such agreement or arrangement; provided further, however, that the contractor or subcontractor shall not be required to employ female and minority advanced trainees and trainees in numbers which result in the employment of advanced trainees and trainees as a percentage of the total workforce for the construction trade, which percentage significantly exceeds the apprentice to journey worker ratio specified in the applicable collective bargaining agreement, or in the absence of a collective bargaining agreement, exceeds the ratio established by practice in the area for said construction trade. Also, the contractor or subcontractor agrees that, in implementing the procedures of the preceding provisions (B) it shall, where applicable, employ minority and female workers residing within the geographical jurisdiction of the union.
- (D) The contractor agrees to complete an Initial Project Manning Report on forms provided by the Affirmative Action Office or in the form prescribed by the public agency and submit a copy of said form no later than 3 days after signing a construction contract; provided, however, that the public agency may extend in a particular case the allowable time for submitting the form to no more than 14 days.

The contractor and each subcontractor must submit monthly employment and wage data to the Department via a web based application using electronic Form CC-257R. Instructions for registering and receiving the authentication code to access the web based application can be found at:

http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/procurement/ConstrServ/documents/NJ_ StimulusReportingNotification-Contractor.pdf

Instructions on how to complete Form CC257 are provided in the web application. Submit Form CC-257R through the web based application within 10 days following the end of the reporting month.

All employment and wage data must be accurate and consistent with the certified payroll records. The contractor is responsible for ensuring that their subcontractors comply with these reporting requirements. Failure by the contractor to submit Monthly Employment Utilization Report may impact the contractor's prequalification rating with the Department.

The contractor agrees to cooperate with the public agency in the payment of budgeted funds, as is necessary, for on-the-job and off-the-job programs for outreach and training of minority and female trainees employed on the construction projects.

- (E) The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Affirmative Action Office as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Affirmative Action Office for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code (NJAC 17:27).